



The Church At The Bridge

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion (Jeffrey Cochran)	3 7:00 AA Mtg.	4 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	7	8
9 Pentecost Sunday (Arlene Lathrop)	10 7:00 AA Mtg.	11 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	14	15
16 Father's Day 12:00 Congregational Meeting (Tami Pass)	17 7:00 AA Mtg.	18 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	21	22 9 - 11:00 Work Day
23 12:15 Discipleship Mtg. (Jason Howard)	24 7:00 AA Mtg.	25 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	26 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	27 7:00 AA Mtg.	28	29
30 (Janna Szeto)						

Happy Birthday!

- Jun 5 Danny Sierra
- Jun 6 Mary Carol Stanley
- Jun 8 Thelma Newsome
- Jun 10 Charles Fisher
- Jun 13 Carly Keller
- Jun 14 Isabella Newsome
- Jun 15 Dorothy Clark
- Jun 19 Breana Huggins

THE SPC SESSION
 Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

Discipleship
 Monica Coutin-Baxter (21)
 Tami Pass (21)
 Aaron Roberts (20)
 Paul Szeto (21)

Witness
 Jeffrey Cochran (19)
 Terry Holmes (21)
 Stephanie Phillips Ayoola (19)

Resources
 Gene Ingram (21)
 Kim Seal (20)

SPC SPOTLIGHT



Who doesn't love a birthday party? Of course, everybody loves their OWN birthday, but it's still fun to celebrate someone else's too. Any excuse to rejoice, right? Unless you don't know the birthday boy or girl very well. Then you're just checking your watch until you can get that piece of cake and make an exit without being noticed. And how much soul can you put into yet another verse of "Happy Birthday" if you're not a close friend? Might as well just mouth the words.

No worries, because a truly exciting birthday happens at the beginning of June. No need to fake it on June 9, because we can celebrate THE CHURCH. Not specifically Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, or its physical structure or land. June 9 is Pentecost, which is the "Birthday of the Church." Read all about it in Acts 2. (Let's pause to open those Bibles... Okay, continue.) The Holy Spirit made itself known to Jesus' disciples and they began to spread His word. Even if they didn't have a physical church building, they still preached to those who needed good news. The Apostle Peter delivered his first sermon on Pentecost, so it's not only a birthday, but an anniversary too. If you can't find something to celebrate at church on June 9, you've earned the title of Party Pooper.

With no Pentecost there is no Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. Sure, Jesus started the ball rolling, but once He was gone, it was up to His disciples to share the word. And it's up to US (you and me) today and beyond to continue that evangelism. I'd love to take The Church's Birthday off, but we have work to do. Jesus' message of love won't leave our building on its own. We've got to push it out those heavy wooden doors and down the street. How? I'll bet the answer to that question can be found on June 9 and any other Sunday at SPC. See you soon.

Aaron Roberts - Discipleship Committee



WLM (9:30 a.m.) - The Walter Lee Memorial Sunday School class continues to meet for traditional bible study.

"End of the Hall" Class (9:45 a.m.) - This class is primarily led by Jeffrey Cochran, with group discussion. They have recently concluded a sprint through the Book of Acts, and plan to begin a study of the Book of Isaiah and the use of its prophecy throughout the Bible.

The Wired World Class (9:30 a.m.) - This class continues to meet in the parlor for a discussion of current events from a biblical perspective.



Stop by and check out the new bulletin board in the downstairs hall by the parlor. It is chock full of information about the transition/search process for a permanent pastor.



Friends,

The sun is out, the grass is green, the pools are open! Graduations and end-of-school festivities are behind us, and the summer stretches ahead of us.

I enjoyed a week off at the end of May – no travel involved, but I was home with my children, playing and crossing things off the summer bucket list: Pool – check! Zoo – check! Picnic – check! Grill – check! Spend time with family – check! Play outside – check! Talk Mama into letting us play with water balloons – surprisingly, check!

Thank you, by the way, to those who provided leadership on my Sunday off: Jeffrey Cochran for being liturgist, Gene Ingram for preaching, and Rev. Sandra Martin for leading parts of the service and presiding at the table. It is wonderful and humbling to know how well you can get along without me!

But, even though it's summer, and I know many of you have a summer bucket list and/or travel plans... the church is not on vacation! This newsletter is full of evidence that Stockbridge Presbyterian is still active, even in these dog days of summer. Just looking at June, I see:

- **Pentecost** - This coming Sunday, June 9, is Pentecost, that special Sunday in the church year where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Check out the wonderful article on the front cover, by our Discipleship Committee, outlining the meaning of this special day. I plan to wear red, and I hope to see you there!
- **Father's Day** – on June 16, we will enjoy fellowship and breakfast, starting at 9:00am, thanks to the witness committee!
- **Transition** - A new bulletin board is up about the steps of the pastoral transition. See the front cover for a sneak peek! June will see the election of the Congregational Nominating Committee (in a congregational meeting on 6/16), who will begin the important work of forming the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- **CAT scan** - Plans are underway to launch this during June as well. You may remember the congregation doing this survey back in 2011. Every member will be invited to answer questions about the church, which will help outline the interests, priorities, and needs of the church.
- **Worship and Sunday school** continue, including a recently added Children of All Ages Sunday school class meeting upstairs and led weekly by Tami Pass.

Beyond our walls, I will be serving as the Bible Study Leader at the Smyrna Camp-Meeting on June 24-27, 11-11:45 a.m. each day. This is a traditional revival type meeting, with some modern twists, held annually at the Smyrna Presbyterian Church in

Conyers. I am hopeful that some of you will venture forth to gather and celebrate with some fellow Presbyterians, and to support me!

Stay cool, friends! I'll see you at church!
Betsy

Resources

First of all, thank you for responding generously in April after we came to you with a concern about giving short-fall. We are cautiously optimistic, and hope to see the upward trend in offerings continue and increase in the months ahead.

As a committee, we continue to keep a close eye on our church finances, and make adjustments to how we steward our funds. Recently, we have:

- * Rolled over a CD investment at an excellent rate.
- * Saved nearly \$800 on our insurance through a renegotiation of the policy
- * Reduced paper cost and waste by eliminating one weekly bulletin

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- Jun 9** Pentecost
Joel 2:12-16
Acts 2:1-21
"A Spirit that Dares to Dream"
- Jun 16** Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
"Three in One, One in Three"
- Jun 23** Psalm 42
1 Kings 19:1-15
"God in Sheer Silence"
- Jun 30** Guest Speaker

Save the Dates! - June 21st–27th

Camp Meeting at

Smyrna Presbyterian Church
2920 HWY 212, SW
Conyers, GA 30094

For more information you can call 770-483-8962 or email
Smyrnacp1827@gmail.com.



The ladies of the Witness Committee will be preparing Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday morning, June 16 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited, so please plan to join us for breakfast!

SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - April 23, 2019

Clerk's Report:

Communications:

The Session received no communications since the last stated meeting.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Jim reminded the committees about updating the Church Officer Handbook.

Resources Committee:

March 2019 financial statements were reviewed.

Witness Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Betsy reported she is taking vacation in June and will require substitute preachers on 6/2/19 and 6/30/19. The Session will cover the preaching on the two dates.

The Session approved Rev. Sandra Martin to preside over communion on 6/2/19.

New Business:

The Session discussed providing nursery service for all stated and special session meetings along with worship services. Discipleship will investigate a process for scheduling and funding the additional time for the nursery workers and bring a recommendation to Session.

Special Meeting - April 14, 2019

Jim Beisner opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Turner stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss readings in "Our Daily Bread" and Chapters 11 and 12 of "Leading a Life with God".

Jim Beisner read a devotional from Our Daily Bread and discussed the impact of the devotional on him. Further discussion by the members of Session followed.

Betsy led a discussion on Chapter 11 and 12 of "Leading a Life with God" with Session members describing passages they felt important.

New Business:

The Session decided to cancel the special meeting on 5/12/19 as it is Mother's Day.

The Session agreed to study the book "Neighborhood Church".

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Rev. Turner closed the meeting with prayer.

Corporation Meeting - April 7, 2019

Pursuant to the call of the Session at the Stated Meeting held December 18, 2018, with due notice having been given on successive Sundays, March 24 and March 31, 2019, and in the March church newsletter, the Annual Corporation meeting of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc. was held in the Church Sanctuary at 12:00 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor, called the meeting to order,

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opened with a prayer and declared a quorum of 10% of active members were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to satisfy the requirements of holding an Annual Meeting of the Corporation under the State of Georgia corporate charter laws and the by-laws of this church.

The 2018 Session Annual Report was distributed. Jim Beisner, Presiding Officer, reported that the 2018 Statistical Report reflected a net loss of 31. At the end of 2018, there were 145 members on the active roll.

The Presiding Officer reported that there was no business conducted in 2018 that required corporate action. He further stated that the church met all financial obligations during 2018 and discussed a handout concerning the state of the church's finances. The church entered 2019 with a balance in funds as follows:

Building Fund MM	\$ 857.73
Mission Fund	\$ 85,062.49
Bank Funds	\$ 128,818.77
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,566.00
Lona Bennett Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,57.65
Total funds available 12/31/18	\$ 224,488.02

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been accomplished, the Annual Meeting of the Corporation was closed with prayer by Rev. Turner.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Jun 9** Arlene Lathrop
- Jun 16** Tami Pass
- Jun 23** Jason Howard
- Jun 30** Kim Seal

LITURGISTS

- Jun 9** Arlene Lathrop
- Jun 16** Tami Pass
- Jun 23** Jason Howard
- Jun 30** Janna Szeto

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Jun 9** Tami Pass
- Jun 16** Tami Pass
- Jun 23** Monica Coutin-Baxter
- Jun 30** Aaron Roberts

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Jun 9** Diana Taylor/Stephanie Ayoola
- Jun 16** Szeto Family
- Jun 23** Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome
- Jun 30** Paul Szeto